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## Ushering in change



Photo by Sgt. Dan Palermo

Millions flood the Mall in Washington, D.C. to see the swearing in of America's 44th President, Barack Obama, Jan. 20, 2009.

**By Lt. Col. Chris Cleaver**

The lost, the frustrated, the misinformed, the lady who drove in her pajamas to drop off a few friends and could not find a way back home; and the aggravated thousands who traveled such a great distance only to realize they could never get close to the Mall were among millions ushering in change in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20, for the historic 56th Inaugural our nation's 44th president.

But for those who had problems getting there and staying safe and sane, some 1,300 Pennsylvania National Guard Sol-

diers and Airmen were working behind the scenes to assist them by providing crowd and traffic control and ensuring a safe environment.

"Our Guard members did a magnificent job working in sub-freezing temperatures at more than 60 traffic control points in D.C.," said Col. Regis Cardiff, Task Force Pennsylvania commander and 2nd Brigade commander. "This was a true joint mission with Airmen and Soldiers working together, side-by-side," added Cardiff.

Pennsylvania joined 31 other state

Guards providing a variety of missions in support of local law enforcement. Outside of the D.C. National Guard, the commonwealth topped the list of states providing forces.

"While providing this large force to support the inauguration, we are also deploying our 4,000 member Stryker Brigade to Iraq," said Maj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright, Pennsylvania National Guard commander. "This clearly illustrates the professionalism, capability, breadth and depth of our organization."

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## Command Chief Perspective: Professional Military Associations

*By State Command Chief Master Sgt. Ralph Braden*



The topic of this month's article is Professional Military Associations. I would like to start the article with a quote of the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force concerning Air Force PMA membership:

"Air Force professional [associations] are important to Air Force people and the mission. These organizations enhance the professional development of our Airmen and provide visibility for our air, space and cyberspace missions at a grass roots-level around the nation." – Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force, Rodney J. McKinley.

Many private organizations develop professional skills and associations for individuals in many career fields and technical specialties. Membership in such associations may provide additional opportunities for mentoring as well as broadening technical expertise.

There are numerous reasons to join a professional military association. The following is a list of some of those reasons:

- They build camaraderie, esprit de corps and provide insight to military legislation.
- Many associations raise money for Airmen and their families. Many also provide scholarship opportunities for Airmen to further their education.
- Professional military associations

know what is needed by the profession (whether it's a career field specific-association, or for all Airmen of all ranks) as members are the professionals themselves.

- Members are able to network with each other, and provide leadership, vision, mission and values.

- Most professional associations provide a wide variety of support services that include membership benefits, leadership development, resources, advocacy support, and professional development.

- On a personal level, the associations validate the work that you and fellow Airmen do every day. The existence of the association communicates to those outside the field that your work is valuable, and is worthy of their respect and support.

Some of the Air Force/Air National Guard Professional Military Associations are listed below:

- The Air Force Association (AFA)
- Air Force Sergeant Association (AFSA)
- The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)
- The National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS)
- Pennsylvania National Guard Associations, this includes:
  - The National Guard Association of Pennsylvania (NGAPA)
  - The Pennsylvania National Guard Enlisted Association (PNGEA)

I encourage each of you to consider the benefits of Professional Military Association membership. All of these associations work for us the military member and our families. They provide lobbyists for military legislation and provide a voice for military members that may otherwise go unheard.

Our membership in Professional Military Associations provides them the strength they need to serve us and make our voices heard.

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# Promotions

## Promotion to Master Sergeant

Scott E. Artley	193 SFS
Richard L. Hahn Jr	201 RHS
Eugene K. Cullen	193 MXS
Clint G. Yorty	193 MXS
Nhan H. Vo	148 ASOS
Jodie E. Vo	193 CS

## Promoted to Technical Sergeant

James T. Heslop III	193 MXS
Lucinda A. Hoover	193 CS
Perry W. Schneck	193 SOS
Brent D. Pritts	193 SOS

## Promoted to Staff Sergeant

Roy K. Miller	201 RHS
James P. Lougee	201 RHS
Allan E. Batzel	271 CBCS
Danney J. Brion	271 CBCS
Brent A. Beckner	148 ASOS
Terahamber P. B. Garaitonandia	112 AOS
Thomas A. Strawley	553 AF Band
Patrick Coleman	271 CBCS
Jamie T. Vasquez	193 SFS

## Promoted to Senior Airman

Kathleen E. Garrity	193 LRS
Stefanie A. Ritchie	193 LRS
Victoria R. Simmons	201 RHS
Joy L. Warner	201 RHS
Christopher P. Stark	148 ASOS
Jeremiah L. White	193 SOS
Stephen J. Rome	201 RHS
Matthew D. Brown	193 AMXS
Matthew D. Brittain	148 ASOS



# News In Brief

## New Air Guard director promoted

Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III became director of the Air National Guard and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norman A. Schwartz and Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley, chief of the National Guard Bureau, in a ceremony held at the Pentagon today.

Wyatt, who previously served as the adjutant general of the Oklahoma National Guard, was nominated in December by then President George W. Bush to the U.S. Senate for confirmation as the director of the Air National Guard.

Wyatt succeeds McKinley, who served as the Air Guard's director for more than two years until becoming chief on Nov. 17, 2008.

## Briefs removed of deployment history

Air Force officials recently announced that deployment history data will be deleted from duty qualification briefs for officer selection and preselection, as well as, from senior noncommissioned officer evaluation briefs.

This total-force initiative will apply to all active-duty members, Reserve and Guard personnel.

"These changes will impact management level reviews, as well as officer and enlisted central selection boards," said Lt. Col. John Giles, chief of promotions and evaluations at the Pentagon.

The deployment data will be removed from senior NCO evaluation briefs with the February 2009 senior master sergeant promotion board and from the June 2009 lieutenant colonel (line of the Air Force) and medical service corps promotion boards when system mods are complete.

For the Reserve, the change will go into effect with the April 2009 (chaplain, line of the Air Force judge advocate general) major and lieutenant colonel board. For the Guard, the change will occur with the colonel's Federal Recognition Review Board that convenes in March 2009.

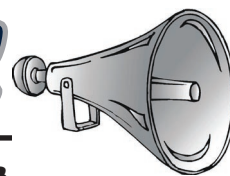
"Many factors have led to the recent change in policy, especially since deployments now take many forms across the Air Force," Giles said.

In addition, many global mobility Airmen, as well as Guard and Reserve Airmen, do not spend 45 consecutive days in the AOR (a minimum requirement for documentation), but often deploy for more than 45 cumulative days within a calendar year.

"All of these are valid and important deployments, but they are documented elsewhere in officer selection records and senior enlisted selection records," Giles said.



# Sounding Off



*What you need to know to keep you flying...*

## 301 Dart Tournament

The 193rd SVF is hosting a dart tournament at Clancy's on Saturday, Mar. 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Any interested Wing member is welcome to participate. The goal of the event is to provide an opportunity for all members to interact in a friendly environment - A fun challenge to boost morale!

The sign up sheet is posted outside of the Services office in Building 81, Room 119. Please sign up before COB on Sunday, Feb. 8.

Questions? Contact Tech. Sgt. Tom Hoffman of the Services flight with any questions. Hope to see you there!



## Feb. 20 UTA PAYDAY

## What's on the Menu

### Saturday

Pasta Bar  
Fresh Blanched Broccoli  
Succotash

### Sunday

Chicken Teriyaki  
Veal Parmesan  
Rice Pilipino  
Parsley Buttered  
Potatoes

### Snack Line

Sat-Clancy's will host the "Black History Meal."  
In addition to the menu, there will be live entertainment:  
"Spoken Word and Live Music"

Beef Boneless Ribs  
Pulled Pork BBQ  
Tuna Macaroni Salad  
Sweet Potato Pie

Hours of Operation: 1130 a.m. - 1 p.m.

~ Constellation Cafe ~

## GRAP back in full effect

The Guard Recruiting Assistance Program (GRAP) is back up and running as of Dec. 1, 2008. Nominations that resulted in an enlistment/appointment during the suspension period are being paid retroactive. The 193rd SOW/RSG currently has 329 members/retirees signed up for the GRAP program.

For more information about the GRAP and current 193rd SOW/RSG vacancies, contact MSgt Howie Schappell at (717) 948 - 2254. To sign up for the GRAP logon to [www.guardrecruitingassistant.com](http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com) and join in on the fun.

## Children's Easter party announced

This year, like many years in the past, we plan to host another Easter party. It will be on Sunday, Mar. 15, 2009 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the fire hall at the Middletown Base. It is designed for the member's children up to the age of 12. The children need to be accompanied by an adult. We are planning a fun filled afternoon and are asking you to join us for this special event.

Refreshments will be provided along with games and entertainment. In order to properly plan for the volume of responses this year, please complete this registration slip as soon as possible and return it to the Family Support Office, Building 81, 1st floor, Room 131, (formerly Public Affairs Office) or mail to the address at the bottom of the form.

In turn, the registration will allow accountability for snacks and games and will make sure everyone will be properly welcomed and included in our activities.

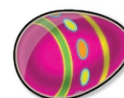
The Easter Bunny may even be able to attend!

**Yes! I want my child/children to attend the Children's Easter party!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Unit Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Member's Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Total number of children attending \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:

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## Ushering in change (continued)

Although participation in inaugural ceremonies is nothing new for Keystone Soldiers, this was the first time in history where security-type missions were provided.

"The First City Troop escorted General Washington across the commonwealth after the first inaugural in 1789," said retired Maj. Harry Gobora, former first city troop commander.

The troop also escorted presidents to include Adams, Monroe, Van Buren, Grant, Hayes and Cleveland. Although for this inaugural there was no parade participation, Keystone troops were making everything flow.

Standing several hundreds yards from the Potomac River on a busy thoroughfare, Pfc. Emmalyn Hooten, 22, provided directions to a stopped motorist while her fellow Soldiers waved an emergency vehicle around the car. "I am a part of history and I am honored to participate in this important mission," said the 55th Brigade Soldier.

Nearby, Airman 1st Class Monica Erlic, 23, echoed those same sentiments. "I volunteered for this mission and it is great to participate in something this historic," said Erlic, a 258th air traffic controller, who worked the prior night on a bone-chilling, six-hour shift. "The temperature on my phone said it was minus 16."

Making a difference took on a very different perspective for the senior officers who had to house, care and feed more than 1,000 people. The well-publicized lack of hotel space and accommodations played right into the challenges faced by Task Force Pennsylvania.

The solution was a closed school in Anacostia in southwest D.C. Patricia Harris Education Center recently shut its doors due to sagging enrollment, but with its few windows and fenced playground, it served well for housing and feeding that number of troops.

"We opened the school on Saturday morning and went to work preparing for the mission," said Maj. Richard Collage, 2nd Brigade logistics officer. Harris School transformed nearly overnight from a boarded building to a bustling military compound.

Classrooms became open-bay barracks with rows of cots, stacks of bottled water and piles of military supplies. The playground became a vehicle a compound with lines of Humvee, trucks, buses and special support vehicles. "We initially planned for just a few military vehicles but that grew to 50, then 80 Hummers as the requirements increased," said Collage.

The adage that the military marches on its stomach was also true for this mission. Hot meals were greeted with cold hands by Soldiers and Airmen who spent hours out in the elements. "We kept hot coffee ready 24-7 for anyone coming in from the cold," said Master Sgt. Stan Line, 193rd Special Operations Wing Airman and NCOIC of the chow hall.

The 171st Air Refueling Wing and 193rd SOW both brought mobile kitchens called SPEKS for Single Palletized Expeditionary Kitchens.

It was the first time Keystone units used the kitchens for a real-world mission and the first time they served Unit Group Rations. Calling the UGRs "troop-sized MREs," Line admitted the food was not always the best, but it was a prepared hot meal.

With full stomachs and hot coffee to go, Keystone Guard members were ready to tackle the challenges at traffic control points across the district.

Problems were as many and varied as one could expect with the onslaught of millions of people into the nation's Capitol.

Although one could find it difficult to find sympathy in many of the cases, children who became lost or separated from their parties were of great concern.

"We had several children show up at our checkpoint that became separated from their families," said 1st Sgt. Mike DiFrango of the 258th Air Traffic Control Squadron. With intermittent cell service, tense situations became even more challenging.

"A 12-year-old boy was separated from his family at a shuttle bus transfer point," said DiFrango. "We called the D.C. police who told us to contact children and youth. We didn't hear from them, so we contacted his mother in Detroit. She was obviously

very upset and the child's grandmother did not have a cell phone, but she knew another person in the party and we were able to contact them."

To pass time, DiFrango and his men taught him how to prepare and eat an MRE. After about four hours, they were able to get him back with his party. "He was a really good troop so before I left I presented him a coin that was given to me earlier by the task force commander," said DiFrango.

"I told him this was presented to me for doing a good job and that he will never forget this day and that he did a good job, too. It was a very special moment."

As the 44th president took the oath of office and spoke to millions gathered at the mall with hundreds of millions watching around the world, it too was a very special moment.

And while DiFrango comforted a lost child, Hooten, provided directions to a stranded motorist and Line took care of the troops, President Barack Obama spoke. Though many in uniform could not hear his words dedicated to military personnel, the waves of change reverberated across the mall and into history.

"We honor them not only because they are guardians of our liberty, but because they embody the spirit of service; a willingness to find meaning in something greater than themselves," said a grateful President Obama.

It was a message conveyed in spirit to all military personnel that made the day a little warmer for everyone in uniform.



Photo by Sgt. Dan Palermo

*Onlookers anxiously await the inauguration of America's 44th President, Jan. 20, 2009.*





# Serving, honoring those who have served

By Chief Master Sgt. Scotty Seiverling



Many of you know me through my affiliation with the Base Honor Guard and I would like to share my thoughts about serving those who have served before us.

In my opinion, the single most important service any Honor Guard performs, be it for the VFW, Legion, or one of the military branches, is to provide dignified military honors to those who have served before us and have passed on, and to help their family with the heartfelt need for remembrance and closure.

In the 1960s, I watched television reruns

of the procession of President John F. Kennedy's funeral with the horse drawn caisson, the flag draped casket and the young man saluting as his father passed before him. Knowing that President Kennedy was a U.S. Navy veteran, and after watching those rerun clips, I believed that was the way all veterans were buried.

In 1972, when my grandfather, a combat-wounded Purple Heart veteran of WWI, was buried, I found the experience to be quite different. His flag that was folded in the time-honored triangular fashion was placed inside the open lid of his casket during the viewing and the service. After the casket was closed and moved to the hearse (and later to the grave), the flag was never reopened, nor refolded or honors rendered, and simply given to my mother by the funeral director. As a young man, I was very confused.

In the 1990s, I assisted the Honor Guard with several funeral services and realized the significance of taking care of one of our own. In 1997, when I was asked to become the 193rd Honor Guard NCOIC, I assumed those duties with that same realization of the importance and responsibility the Honor Guard has in paying proper tribute to our fallen comrades. To me, it made sense to provide the families

with the dignity they deserved during their devastating time of need.

Funerals never come at a convenient time. Although we all have commitments and obligations that we must devote our valuable time to, the Honor Guard team members know that we have only one chance to render those well deserved honors.

The military funeral is not only a great tribute to the life and service of our fallen comrade, but also draws the family members closer to their loved one and is the beginning of closure, which is part of the grieving process we must all go through.

As those who are gathered at the grave begin to weep and cry while the three volleys are fired, taps are sounded and the flag is folded, the Honor Guard knows they have done their part well. Team members also go through the grieving process and emotional stress while providing honors, especially when the deceased is a former co-worker or friend.

So, when an Honor Guard member states that he or she wants to assist with a funeral, remember what it stands for, what service they provide and the contribution they make to a final tribute to one of our own fellow airmen.

We must always honor those who serve.



193rd Base Honor Guard support the Special Olympics Ceremonies at Messiah College, April 15, 2004. Pictured are Master Sgt. Kristopher Gacono (right), Master Sgt. Steven Simmons (now retired), and Chief Master Sgt. Scotty Seiverling (face covered).



## 193 SOW Chaplain boasts on 'the good life'

By Chaplain, Capt. Mark Brumbach

Psalm 103:1-5a - A psalm of David  
 "1 Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. 2 Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me. 3 He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. 4 He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. 5 He fills my life with good things."

Do you ever get tired of all the negative "stuff" flying around these days? I do. There are times when I just have to turn off the news or put down the paper or avoid talking to certain folks. Have you noticed that negativity has the incredible ability to draw the energy and the joy right out of your life? Someone, somewhere coined the term "joy suckers" in order to describe those folks who are habitually negative. You know the folks: you say, "Hey, isn't it a beautiful day! The sun is shining and the birds are singing," and the joy sucker responds, "Yeah, I suppose but that just means I'll have to spend another Saturday cutting the lawn and washing

bird poop off of my car." Joy suckers are able to take the joy out of even the most joyous occasions. You can feed them prime rib and they'll complain that it is too juicy or too thick of a piece.

Why can't we all realize just how good we have it? When I was a child there were times when I would whine and complain about how tough my life was and about all of the things that I didn't have. Often in those times my mom would send me to my room with the instructions that I should spend some time "counting my blessings". Have you done that lately? I have and I find that at 43 years of age I am an incredibly blessed person.

Does that mean that I don't have my disappointments, challenges, hurts and even the occasional catastrophe? Absolutely not! I live in the real world just like everyone else, but as I consider my life as a whole, from day one until now, I can see that my blessing cup is extremely full.

We need to make time to consider our lives and to realize that for the very most part, life is good. In reality that was God's

intention and design from the beginning. The opening chapters of the Bible describe God's work of Creation. Repeatedly we are told that God's work was "good". The psalmist proclaimed that God "fills my life with good things." Consider the good and the right things that have been and are in your life.

Are you thankful for those good things and have you expressed your gratitude to God for them? If you are at a painful or desperate place right now are you holding fast to the blessings of the past as you cry out to God seeking His help? In truth it is never all bad and God has a marvelous way of transforming our pain into possibilities.

A while ago I walked past a Jeep that had the words "Life Is Good" on the spare tire cover. It caused me to pause, to smile and to nod my head as well as my heart in agreement. It is far more than a "Jeep thing." It is God's heart for all of His children.

Let's count our blessings and realize that life truly is good.

## Lockheed ATARS charity drive resounding success

By Tech. Sgt. Mathew Verghese

The new year saw Lockheed Martin ATARS staff at the Harrisburg, Pa., facility come together for a worthwhile cause on Jan. 12. Along with members of the 193rd family, the ATARS group held its first bowling tournament at ABC Bowling in Harrisburg, with all proceeds going to the Fisher House Foundation. The Fisher House offers shelter and support for Military and Veteran's families' during a medical crisis. Since our nation has been at war, facilities such as the Fisher House offer an immeasurable amount of care, compassion support and assistance for the returning wounded and their families.

A great time was had by the nine teams that participated in the tournament. The winning team "Blouch

Bullies" took home the trophy with an overall score of 2637. The high series score of 607 was garnered by Jim Coffman

of the "OSHIMA" team. ATARS's own Mike Beachley had the high game with a score of 235. The winning trophy will be displayed in the Maintenance Trophy Case in Building 75 (2nd floor).

The event raised \$1270.00 from participants, with the possibility of a dollar for dollar match from Lockheed Martin as well. The participants' overwhelming support for this worthwhile cause will likely extend well beyond this single event.

Thanks to the success of this inaugural charity event, the Lockheed Martin ATARS group is making plans to host this event next year with even wider participation. Until then, if you're looking for a great charity organization to contribute to, keep the Fisher House and it's mission in mind.



*Pictured here is the winning team. Front: Dan Blouch (w/ trophy), Back: (L to R) Kathy Brillhart, Dennis Brillhart, Kevin Greenaway, Gary Reven*